

PENDING CLAIMS

1-25 (cancelled)

26. (previously presented) A process for protecting an industrial material from microbial infestation comprising contacting the industrial material with an effective amount of a water-based composition comprising (A) a potassium salt of N'-hydroxy-N-cyclohexyldiazonium oxide (KHDO) and (B) a second microbicidally active component selected from the group consisting of 2-bromo-2-nitropropane-1,3-diol (BNPD); 1,2-benzisothiazol-3 (2H) – one (BIT); a polyvinylamine consisting of 95% vinylamine and 5% vinylformamide units by weight (PVA); and benzalkonium chloride (BACl), wherein the water-based composition has a pH of at least 4.
27. (previously presented) The process of claim 26, wherein the sole microbicidally active component of the water-based composition in addition to KHDO is selected from the group consisting of BNPD, BIT, PVA and BACl.
28. (previously presented) The process of claim 26, wherein microorganisms are killed.

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36. (new) The process of claim 26, wherein the industrial material is in a liquid environment that when added to the water-based composition forms a liquid medium and the combination of components (A) and (B) is present at a final concentration of from 0.001 to 10% of (A) and (B) by weight of the liquid medium.
37. (new) The process of claim 26, wherein the water-based composition has a pH of at least 7.
38. (new) The process of claim 26, wherein the water-based composition has a pH of from 8 to 12.

39. (new) The process of claim 26, wherein the respective amounts of the components (A) and (B) in the water-based composition are 1 to 99 wt% of (A) and 1 to 99 wt% of (B).
40. (new) The process of claim 26, wherein the microbial infestation includes *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Citrobacter freundii*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Alcaligenes faecalis*, *Candida albicans*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Alternaria alternate*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Penicillium funiculosum* and *Chaetomium globosum*.